

## CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

The Board has seen an increasing number of licensees who were unaware that they were required to obtain a Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) Controlled Substances Registration prior to utilizing controlled substances. Many had confused the requirements with those for a DEA Controlled Substances Registration. These are actually two different registrations and a licensee may be required to have one or both.

Below is a chart that outlines when a licensee must obtain each registration. This chart is based on Board rule [§573.43, Misuse of DEA Narcotics Registration](#), which in turn is based on Texas Department of Public Safety Texas Administrative Code (TAC), Chapter 13, Subchapter B, rule §13.21, Who Must Register; and Title 21 of the United States Code, Controlled Substances Act, Section 822, Persons Required to Register. Please contact our office should you have any questions.

**R** If you utilize controlled substances in any way, you must have a DPS Controlled Substances Registration!

### When Do I Need A...

<i>DPS Controlled Substances Registration</i>	<i>DEA Controlled Substances Registration</i>
<p>You must obtain a DPS Controlled Substances Registration if you:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Distribute Controlled Substances;</li> <li>• Deliver Controlled Substances;</li> <li>• Prescribe Controlled Substances;</li> <li>• Possess Controlled Substances;</li> <li>• Dispense Controlled Substances; or</li> <li>• Conduct research with Controlled Substances.</li> </ul> <p><u>Waiver</u> There are no waivers or exceptions provided for this registration. If you utilize controlled substances in any way, you must have a DPS controlled substances registration.</p>	<p>You must obtain a DEA Controlled Substances Registration if you:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prescribe Controlled Substances;</li> <li>• Dispense Controlled Substances;</li> <li>• Deliver Controlled Substances; or</li> <li>• Order Controlled Substances delivered.</li> </ul> <p><u>Waiver</u> You are not required to have a DEA CS Registration if you:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Are supervised or employed by a DEA registered veterinarian; <u>and</u></li> <li>• The registrant has knowledge that you are dispensing and/or administering controlled substances in the usual course of your duties; <u>and</u></li> <li>• You have written permission from the registrant to dispense/administer under their registration; <u>and</u></li> <li>• The Registrant has actual knowledge that you hold a <u>CURRENT</u> DPS Controlled Substances Registration Certificate.</li> </ul> <p>If you have met all of these requirements, you may dispense and administer controlled substances. <i>However, you may not procure, purchase or issue a prescription for a controlled substance.</i></p>